

November 29, 2021

Dear Prime Minister:

With the conclusion of COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland, the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) is disappointed that some measures to reduce greenhouse gases were watered down; however, we hope that those measures that were approved are carried out by all parties. Efforts should be made to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels to reduce the risks and impacts of climate change.

We urge your government to:

- make plans to reduce carbon emissions by 45% by 2030 compared to 2010 levels and reduce methane emissions,
- transition to low-emission energy systems such as water, wind, and solar power,
- put an end to fossil fuel subsidies as we should not be supporting an industry that contributes so much to greenhouse gases,
- accelerate efforts to not only phasedown but to phaseout coal power,
- phase out fossil fuels and help those who have been employed in the fossil fuel industry to a just transition,
- protect, conserve, and restore nature and ecosystems including forests and marine ecosystems since they act as sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases and reduce vulnerability to climate change impacts, and
- implement our fair share of providing \$100 billion to developing countries per year to help them mitigate the effects of climate change.

Addressing the climate crisis will require a massive effort and many difficult decisions, and we are calling on the Government to lead the fight. In order to avoid climate catastrophes, we must transition to a low carbon economy. It is essential to our survival.

Sincerely,

Patricia Leson, President
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The National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Canada is the traditional territory of Indigenous and Metis People. We are grateful to join with others in peace and hope, advocating for an improved quality of life for women, children, families, and society.

Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Note: The original draft of this letter was prepared by Mary Potter, 1st Vice President of the NCWC with responsibility for the Environment portfolio.

